

PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a communication system, a method for informing a mobile station of a downlink data frame time offset comprising:

determining said downlink data frame time offset;

transmitting said downlink data frame time offset information from a cell to said mobile station.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein said downlink data frame time offset information is included in an Active Set Update message and said communication system is operating according to WCDMA standard.

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

receiving a time offset measured by said mobile station,

wherein said determining said downlink data frame time offset is based on said time offset measured by said mobile station.

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 3 wherein said receiving said time offset is performed via a measurement report message transmitted by said mobile station.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim [[3]] 1 further comprising:

adjusting timing of a time offset adjuster in said mobile station for adjusting data symbol timing according to said downlink data frame time offset information and for identifying corresponding data symbols for a soft combining operation.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 further comprising soft combining said corresponding data symbols.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in a communication system comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a downlink data frame time offset information transmitted from a cell ~~[[to a mobile station]]~~;

a time offset block for adjusting data symbol timing according to said downlink data frame time offset information.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said receiver and said time offset block are included in ~~[[said]]~~ a mobile station.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in a communication system comprising:

means for determining a downlink data frame time offset;

a transmitter for transmitting said downlink data frame time offset information via an Active Set Update message from a cell to a mobile station, ~~wherein said message is for informing said mobile station of said downlink data frame time offset.~~

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in a communication system comprising:

means for determining a downlink data frame time offset;

a transmitter for transmitting said downlink data frame time offset information via an Active Set Update message from a cell to a mobile station~~[[, wherein said message is for informing said mobile station of said downlink data frame time offset]]~~;

a receiver for receiving said downlink data frame time offset information via said Active Set Update message;

a time offset adjuster in said mobile station for adjusting data symbol timing according to said downlink data frame time offset information.